


PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT
U.S. Appln. No. 10/091,293

the added claims is found throughout the application as filed, e.g., by the combination of original claims 1, 29 and 37 (with respect to new claim 80) and by the combination of original claims 1, 32 and 37 (with respect to new claim 86), and corresponding disclosures in the specification. Support for the definitions of the amino protecting group (APG) and the carboxyl protecting group (CPG) in claims 80-83 is found in the specification at page 35, lines 17-31. Support for new claims 84-85 is found in original claims 30-31; and support for new claims 87-96 is found in original claims 33-35 and 38-44; and corresponding disclosures in the specification.

There being no issue of new matter, entry of the foregoing new claims is respectfully requested.

Applicants respectfully submit that this application is now in condition for examination and earnestly request such action. If any points remain at issue which can best be resolved by way of a telephonic or personal interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned attorney at the local telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,



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